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TO: District and County Superintendent of Schools

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SUBJECT: Direct and Recommend Credential Application Procedures for the Interval March 1, 1975 and September 15, 1976

In accordance with recent legislation, various "grandfather" clauses, and the stated Commission policy that no one shall be adversely affected as a result of the implementation of the Teacher Preparation and Licensing Law of 1970, the matter of direct applications and institutional recommendations for teaching and school service credentials is delineated. The options are:

1. The candidate with two years of college work completed by fall 1963 who can verify completion of coursework for a "pre-Fisher" credential by September 15, 1974, may make direct application to the Commission for a prior credential. (This refers to such "old" credentials as the general elementary, kindergarten-primary, junior high, general secondary; elementary, secondary, and general administration; health and development; general pupil personnel services; exceptional child; various special secondary credentials, etc.)
2. The candidate who completed an approved out-of-state program for teaching or other school service prior to September 15, 1974, may apply directly to the Commission for a standard "Fisher" teaching or service credential. Such credential will be processed and granted under the standard "Fisher" approved program specifications. Detailed renewal evaluations will not accompany these credentials.

Note: Prima facie evidence of an approved program of teacher preparation is indicated when satisfactory credit for student teaching, or field practice in case of service credentials, appears on the candidate's transcript of record and the program was approved by the state certification agency of the state in which it was taken.

3. The out-of-state candidate who completes an approved program of preparation for teaching or other school service after September 15, 1974, but before September 15, 1976, may apply directly to the Commission for a standard "Fisher" teaching or service credential and may be granted the credential if the Commission finds that the candidate would be required to complete more than 15 semester hours of work to qualify for a credential under the provisions of the Licensing Law of 1970 (Ryan Act). Detailed renewal evaluations will not accompany these credentials.

4. The candidate prepared in California who has completed an approved program for the standard "Fisher-type" credential by September 15, 1974, may be granted the credential on direct application to the Commission until September 15, 1976. Detailed renewal evaluations will not accompany these credentials.
5. After March 1, 1975, the Commission will no longer accept direct applications from applicants currently enrolled in California institutions working toward credentials for which "approved program" regulations were established by the State Board of Education. These credentials are the standard early childhood education, standard elementary, and standard secondary teaching credentials; the standard designated services credentials for health services and pupil personnel work; and standard supervision and standard administration credentials.

Candidates now completing an approved program in a California institution may, until September 15, 1976, be recommended by the institution for a standard "Fisher-type" credential if qualifying for a Ryan credential will require at least 15 semester hours of coursework beyond that necessary for a standard "Fisher" credential.

6. The candidate who can verify completion of three years of full-time appropriate school experience within the last ten years, earned on the basis of holding or being eligible for a regular or clear credential in the state where such experience was earned, may apply directly to the Commission for a standard "Fisher-type" credential on the approved program basis before September 15, 1976. A detailed renewal evaluation will not be made.
7. Effective March 1, 1975, any applicant not covered by the above options will need to apply through and be recommended by a California institution having the appropriate program, approved by the Commission, for a "Ryan" credential.

The fifth year of preparation is viewed as an organized program of preparation, developed by mutual cooperation and consent of the candidate and the college. It is anticipated that at the conclusion of his program, a formal recommendation for a credential will be made by the college on the applicant's behalf.

Since the Commission will not be furnishing detailed evaluation letters for guidance purposes, it is important that the candidates associate themselves with a California teacher training institution as soon as possible for planning their fifth year programs.

The Commission will honor prior standard "Fisher" evaluations or commitments made to candidates.